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1. STEVEN RIVKIN AND LIONEL KESTENBAUM, WASHINGTON LAWYERS, HAVE INFORMED DEPARTMENT THEY WILL BE COMING TO ISRAEL ON JULY 22 AND REMAINING UNTIL AUGUST 5. TRIP IS ON PRIVATE BASIS BUT BOTH HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BUSINESS AND FOUNDATIONS (ESPECIALLY CARNEGIE) WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED THEIR PROJECT.

2. RIVKIN AND KESTENBAUM INTEND TO LOOK INTO LEGAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC ISSUES INVOLVED IN IMPROVED ARAB-ISRAELI RELATIONS; IN PARTICULAR, (1) THE ABSENTEE PROPERTY PROBLEM; (2) SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION INCLUDING TOURISM, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING, AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY FERTILIZER; AND (3) OPIC ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT.

3. BOTH HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPTOFFS(OAKLEY AND THORNTON, S/P: WARD, ARN) AND ARE OBVIOUSLY SINCERE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPETENT BUT PERHAPS UNDERESTIMATE POTENTIAL OBSTACLES

IN THIS AREA. THEY WILL BE APPROACHING ADDRESSEE POSTS TO SUGGEST INDIVIDUALS IN ISRAEL THEY MIGHT PROFITABLY CONTACT.

4. KESTENBAUM HAS SPENT TIME IN ISRAEL BEFORE (TWO YEARS TEACHING LAW). BOTH MAY WISH TO GO ON TO JORDAN AND WILL

DISCUSS THIS WITH ADDRESSEES. RIVKIN HOLDS JORDANIAN VISA.

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